

Focus on Fifth

Weekly News for Holmes Fifth-Grade Families

News and Events in the 5th Grade

October 20, 2014

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Important Dates

October 23-24

October 28 6:30 p.m.

October 31

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December 9-10

Parent/Teacher Conferences (half days)

Internet Presentation

Bowling Field Trip

Spirit Wear Orders due

Outdoor Education

News

One School, One Book

Our school kicked off our One School, One Book event last week. Each family should have received a book titled *Masterpiece*, which our entire school community will be reading together throughout the months of October and November. Inside the book you will find a schedule outlining which chapters should be read together for that week.

Mind Your Kid's Business Internet Presentation

Tuesday, October 28, at 6:30 p.m.

Parents are invited to attend this program, which was developed to help increase parents' and other adults' knowledge of Internet safety information and guidelines. The one-hour session includes information on protecting children while using the Internet; how young people are using the Internet; social networking sites; electronic bullying; and how to report and block illegal or questionable Internet activity. [Access a flyer for the event >>](#)

Number Hawks Volunteer Opportunity

Holmes is looking for volunteers to tutor students, primarily in Grades K-2, to become proficient mathematicians. Through strategically planned lessons and continuous data collection, you will help Holmes students increase their basic number sense. Can you commit to as little as 20 minutes one day per week or as much as 30 minutes every day? Please fill out the Google form (link below) so that you can be contacted about a tutoring training session and mandatory background check required by the district. "Number Hawks" are set to take flight this November.

https://docs.google.com/a/op97.org/forms/d/1clY-Wvw9mWrvGmEB6reqPTRdvWyR48H5eQ8J7Jhh_sg/viewform

Spirit Wear

Student Council is selling Spirit Wear. Orders must be turned in by October 31.

Bowling Field Trip

On October 31, students will travel to Stardust Bowl for our first Guilder activity. Curriculum connections include math and science. Students must have earned at least 300 Guilders to be able to participate in this activity. The cost of this field trip is \$12, payable in cash, please. Permission slips and payment are due by Tuesday, October 28. The permission slip is also posted on the 5th Grade wiki.

Outdoor Education Field Trip

This year's overnight trip will be on December 9 - 10. We will need several chaperones for this overnight trip. If you are interested, please contact your child's homeroom teacher.

Typing Practice

Students can log on to Custom Typing from home to practice keyboarding skills. The Custom Typing program is accessible from the District's website, and students should begin practicing keyboarding skills at home. The link is:
<http://www.op97.org/technology/Custom-Typing.cfm>

SPECIAL AREA SUBJECTS

Art - [www.http://owholmesartgallery.blogspot.com](http://owholmesartgallery.blogspot.com) 5th grade artists are taking what we learned about two-dimensional lines and creating three-dimensional lines out of clay. Using clay coils, students are constructing 6"x6" clay tiles. They have to use a ruler to measure the tile correctly. They are free to design their own tile using spirals, zig zags, waves, curls or any other type of line, but there can be no negative, or empty space. We will be firing these next week and then glazing them.

Music - <http://makingmusicatholmes.blogspot.com/> Check out our website to see the composition assignment the students started on using their ipads. **5th graders started recorder this week.** If your child does not have one this week they will lose a guilder and preparation points. If your child does not have a recorder, they are \$6 and can be purchased through the school website or by bringing in cash or check (to district 97) to me. Please do not buy a recorder from another source. If you need financial help with purchasing the recorder please email me. If your child already has a recorder from somewhere else, have them bring it in and I will see if it is useable for class.

Chorus - Please remember to turn in your child's permission slip if you have not yet. I have emailed you a online permission slip with information on our performance at the Oak Park Arms. If you did not receive it please email me and I will send it out again. Also, there are videos of the songs we will be doing at the concert on the chorus page at <http://makingmusicatholmes.blogspot.com/> . Just click on the chorus tab.

Gold Belt- Gold Belt Ensemble parents and guardians should have received an online permission slip this week. If you did not receive one, email me at akaria@op97.org.

Spanish - All classes have finished their first story of the school year. We will now move on to assessments and imovies in the next couple weeks. <http://www.mpoleski.blogspot.com/> .

Library - Fifth graders have been hearing book ads about the Rebecca Caudill Readers' Choice Book Awards books. [These books](#) are available in our library, at the public library, and at the book fair this week. Reading Olympians: we will meet next week to check in on your reading progress. Need to know which book you're reading? Check in with your designated "team captain" or with Ms. Maneck in the library. Please email mmaneck@op97.org with any questions. For more information, the library

home page is <http://www.op97.org/holmes/mediacenter/> .

Physical Education - International Walk To School day at Holmes was the best ever! The very first student to walk to school was Maya Schwartz. Boy! Did she rise early in the morning to accomplish that feat! The largest walking school bus came from the South. All Student that walked to school and/or walked a lap around the school playground during their lunch hour, all recieved an lwalk hand stamp.

Coming for the entire month of November is HEARTLAND ADVENTURE.
(www.d97mrwilliams.blogspot.com)

Reading/Literature

This week, reading mini lessons will center around studying the characters in fiction texts. Students will learn that main characters always have connections to the other characters in a book. Students will apply this learning by creating a "Character Connections" chart in their Reader's Notebook. The chart describes the important characters in the students' novels as well as the connections between the main character and the other characters. Other mini lesson topics will include growing theories about characters, expecting complications in characters, and attending to objects that reveal characters.

Writing

We will continue to create lists of "seeds" for personal narrative stories and try out quick versions of these stories by writing notebook entries of these small, important moments. We will also review strategies for writing strong narratives by telling stories step-by-step using actions, descriptions, thoughts, and dialogue.

Math

Students will take a division assessment this week. The standard assessed is 5.NBT.6 - *Find whole-number quotients of whole numbers with up to four-digit dividends and two-digit divisors, using strategies based on place value, the properties of operations, and/or the relationship between multiplication and division. Illustrate and explain the calculation by using equations, rectangular arrays, and/or area models.* Students will also take a volume pretest in preparation for our next unit. Flexible groups will be rearranged based on the pretest and MAP data.

Science

In science this week, we will learn about the Earth's water supply and will create a circle graph to represent the distribution. We also will work on reading informational text and identifying the main idea and supporting details using a text related to the subject of water distribution.

Social Studies

In Social Studies we will read articles from Time For Kids Magazine that focus on what archeological findings tell us about ancient people.

Spelling/Word Study

Due to the shortened week, students will not complete our Building Vocabulary with Root Words curriculum during their Reading/Literature block.

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